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3 1. A method for controlling the ascent and descent of a tubular member passing
4 through a pipe or casing slip into a well bore comprising the steps of:
5 affixing a control member beneath the top surface of said slip; and
6 activating said control member to raise or lower said pipe.

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8 2. The method of claim 1 wherein said control member is disposed within a slip bowl.

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10 3. The method of claim 1 wherein said control member is disposed beneath a rotary
11 table.

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13 4. The method of claim 1 wherein said control member is disposed beneath a slip
14 spider.

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16 5. The method of claim 1 wherein said control member is disposed within said slip.

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